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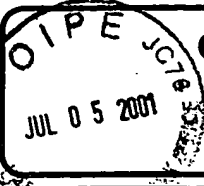
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 039,176,
filed on 3/13/98, entitled _____

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____
under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53 (d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
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				TOTAL =	<u>475.00</u>

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- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
b. ☒ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
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NAME	Robert H. Rines
SIGNATURE	<i>Robert H. Rines</i>
DATE	July 5, 2001



Preliminary Amendment

Paper No. 14

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Carol M. Rines et al

Serial No.

(Continuation of S.N. 09/039,176,
filed March 13, 1998, a division of USSN 08/696,294,
filed August 19, 1996, now US Patent
No. 6,002,558, issued December 14, 1999,
in turn a continuation of USSN 08/380,242,
filed January 30, 1995; abandoned, in turn
a continuation of USSN 873,970, filed April
24, 1992, abandoned; in turn a continuation
of USSN 584,134, September 18, 1990, abandoned)

Group Art: 2652

Filed: Herewith

Examiner: Davis, D.

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR EXPANDING FUNCTIONALITY OF
VEHICLE CASSETTE TAPE-PLAYER DECKS TO PERMIT DICTATION OR
OTHER RECORDING AND AUTOMATIC REMOTE STATION RELAYING
OF THE SAME

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Replying to the final Office communication of January 15, 2001, please amend
the application as follows:

Please add the following claims:

28. In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle
radio entertainment deck components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use
by a driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling the driver, while seated at the
steering wheel region of the vehicle, to access to at least a plurality of said
components of the entertainment deck and also to access the cellular radio telephone,
all in a diversionless manner with full attention to driving, said apparatus
comprising separate control switches for turning said components on and off; a
further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular

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